



Climate Smart San José is a plan to reduce air pollution, save water and improve quality of life.

The tips and resources in this guide will help you save energy, water and money. Together, we can make San José a better place for our families, children and future generations. Every action, big or small, makes a difference!

At Home: Energy

The DIY Home Energy Saving Toolkit

contains free tools for reducing your home's energy use: www.sjenvironment.org/diytoolkit

Get a Home Energy Assessment through Energy Upgrade California. Call 866-878-6008 or visit www.bayareaenergyupgrade.org

Insulate your home to keep it cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Energy Upgrade California (see above) provides financial incentives.

High-efficiency electric technologies, such as induction ranges and heat pumps for water and space heating, are replacing outdated gas appliances.



DID YOU KNOW? San José is ranked third in the nation for the most installed solar panels.

Assess your home's solar savings potential

with Google's Project Sunroof: www.google.com/get/sunroof

GRID Alternatives helps qualifying low-income homeowners pay for solar panels: www.gridsolar.org

The U.S. Department of Energy offers valuable energy-saving tips and resources: www.energy.gov/energysaver

San José Environmental Services Department provides information on financing options for energy- and water-efficiency upgrades at www.sjenvironment.org/financing

PG&E offers energy-efficiency rebates and online energy audits to help customers lower home energy consumption.

DID YOU KNOW? Beginning in 2019, San José residents and businesses will receive cleaner electricity at competitive costs through San José Clean Energy. Learn more: sanjosecleanenergy.org

At Home: Water

The City of San José has water-use rules that are always in effect regardless of drought conditions to make sure our community has enough water.

Water when it's cool when using sprinkler systems: before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. Sprinklers may not run more than 15 minutes per station.

Fix visible leaks within five working days. Visit our leaks page at www.sanjoseca.gov/waterleaks to learn how to detect and fix water leaks.

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots or other hard surfaces.



DID YOU KNOW? During the recent drought, San Joséans collectively reduced their water consumption by 29 percent.

The Water Footprint Calculator

provides an estimate of your water use: www.watercalculator.org

San José Environmental Services Department provides information on how to save water and look up your water retailer: www.sjenvironment.org/muniwater

California Department of Water Resources offers rebates to single-family homeowners who install drought-tolerant landscaping: www.saveourwaterrebates.com

Rebates are also available through the Santa Clara Valley Water District for converting high-water-use landscaping to drought-tolerant landscaping: www.valleywater.org/saving-water/rebates

Santa Clara Valley Water District offers a free Water Wise Outdoor Survey in which an irrigation expert evaluates your outdoor watering system. Go to www.valleywater.org/saving-water/residential/water-wise-survey-program

DID YOU KNOW? South Bay Water Recycling, administered by the City of San José, saved roughly four billion gallons of potable water in fiscal year 2016-17. Every gallon of recycled water used represents a gallon of drinking water saved.



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Living Better Today for Tomorrow

10 Ways to Be Climate Smart

Choose 100 percent renewable electricity from your utility.

Walk or bike to improve health and reduce pollution.

Reduce outdoor irrigation and choose drought-tolerant plants.

Check out a DIY Home Energy Saving Toolkit from your library.

Carpool or take public transportation as often as possible.

Install low-flow fixtures that improve water efficiency.

Use smart power strips to save energy.

Buy an electric vehicle and cruise in the HOV lane.

Wash clothes in cold water and dry on low heat.

Use a programmable thermostat and turn it off when not at home.

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On the Move

Public Transit

Public transit will become easier and more convenient as planned improvements come online. Here are some resources to help you increase your car-free trips.

Smart Moves San José provides information to help residents use public transit (and walk and bike): www.smartmovessanjose.org

Biking

Biking in San José is a great way to get exercise and save money on gas.

San José Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department has information on the City's 60-mile network of walking and biking trails: www.sanjoseca.gov/trails

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition has useful information, including maps and a "Virtual Bike Route Scouts" program: www.bikesiliconvalley.org

Ride-Sharing and Electric Vehicles

Ride-sharing and electric vehicles are eco-friendly alternatives to a solo drive in a gas-powered car.

A variety of ride-matching options are available at www.511.org/carpool-vanpool/findmatch

Plan your trip with the help of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority:

- Get organized: tripplanner.vta.org/planner
- Check out www.vta.org/apps for helpful third-party transit apps

Check with your employer to see if you are eligible for discounts or incentives on taking public transit.

Rentable bikes and scooters make getting around the city a breeze!



Buying an electric vehicle is getting more affordable thanks to financial incentives:

- California offers a \$2,500 rebate on EVs: cleanvehiclerebate.org/eng/eligible-vehicles
- Claim a \$7,500 federal tax credit for purchasing an EV: www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/taxevb.shtml

DID YOU KNOW? San José is among the top 10 cities in the U.S. for the number of hybrids and EVs in use and the number of EV charging stations.



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